
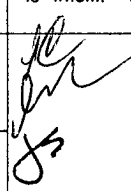
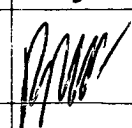
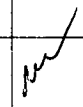


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**EMBASSY OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE  
ABIDJAN BUREAU**

FBIS-2607-88  
1 March 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THRU: Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT: Monthly Report--Abidjan Bureau--February 1988

I. GENERAL

Residents of Ivory Coast have begun to feel the effects of a Value Added Tax on consumables imposed by the Ivorian Government on 1 January 1988. The tax ranges from seven percent for items like toothpaste and soap to 25 percent for luxury items. Though there are specific items which are legally taxable, it is the general perception that merchants are raising the prices of many products which do not fall within the purview of the new regulation.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The Senegalese presidential election was the key story during February in what was otherwise a relatively slow month. What the month lacked in volume was more than compensated for in drama. During the course of the elections in Senegal, one of the few multi-party democracies in West Africa, there were charges of election rigging and fraud, threats to ignore the election results, heated campaign appearances, student demonstrations, and arrests of "Libyan agents." The unofficial election results showed the incumbent, Abdou Diouf, to be the winner. Diouf promptly declared a state of emergency and arrested his chief rival, Abdoulaye Wade who had hinted that he might form his own cabinet if he lost the election through "massive fraud." In short, it was "super Tuesday" African style.

2. On 19 February Senegalese media announced that "two Libyan nationals carrying weapons and explosive devices were arrested at Dakar airport." They reportedly had started the trip in Benin and traveled via Abidjan. A third "Libyan agent" was then reported to have been detained while trying to illegally enter the country by train from Mali. Later, the "Ayatollah of Kaolack," a "former opposition Muslim fanatic," according to AFP, was arrested. He had traveled on the same plane as the first two detainees.

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3. In Zaire, President Mobutu's government formally denied having received a letter from 48 U.S. Congressmen threatening to cut U.S. aid because of the "brutal repression" of the political opposition. In the Central African Republic, President Kolingba commuted the death sentence of former Emperor Jean-Bedel Bokassa to life imprisonment at hard labor. In Nigeria, a Libyan diplomat was killed, apparently by armed robbers. Significant visits during the month included trips to Ivory Coast by the Niger and Burkina Faso heads of state and a visit to Moscow by Malian President Traore.

4. On 3 February the Translations Committee [TRACK], a monitorial section working group, unveiled its first bulletin, a translation aid containing translations of troublesome French words and phrases. The committee is chaired by senior monitor [ ] and is composed of monitors [ ] with Chief Monitor [ ] and Shift Supervisor [ ] as coordinators. The committee will periodically publish bulletins designed to enhance the quality of the bureau's translations and improve monitorial performance. The first TRACK bulletin was sent to [ ] Headquarters Terminology Coordinator. Another monitorial section group, the Documentation Committee [DOC], collects and maintains a compilation of officials' names, place names etc.

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#### B. Coverage

The bureau's AFP landline was restored on 17 February after being out since 31 January. The Wire provided backstopping during those times when the high frequency backstop signal was not available.

#### C. Lateral Services

The bureau received a message of appreciation from BBC's Keith Sommerville for recent coverage of Equatorial Guinea's Malabo radio.

#### D. Technical

1. The bureau experienced an unusual number of local power outages this month. Electrical surges resulting from these outages caused some temporary communications equipment failures. During one outage, the emergency generator failed to supply electrical power to the building. The source of the problem was determined to be a bad coupling between the generator and engine. As of this date, a contractor is working to repair the problem. In the meantime, the bureau is using a portable emergency generator to power essential equipment when local outages occur.

2. Both of the bureau's Victor computers experienced turbo-access I/O errors during the month and were not operational temporarily until BACH back-up installation procedures were performed.

3. A Unican lock access control and two Barco television monitors transferred from Austria Bureau were added to the bureau's inventory of non-expendable equipment during the month.

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### III. ADMINISTRATION

#### A. Personnel

1. Editor [ ] was promoted to GS-11 effective 14 February.

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2. FBN monitors [ ] and teletypist [ ] received promotions during the month.

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#### B. Other

The bureau instituted several procedural and physical changes in response to recommendations made during a security survey conducted in late January.

### IV. VISITS

FBIS Director Robert Manners conducted a management inspection tour of the bureau 1-4 February.

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Chief, Abidjan Bureau

#### Attachments:

Monthly Production Report

cc: Chief, Swaziland Bureau  
Deputy Chief, London Bureau

## Abidjan Bureau Production Report for February 1988

## I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	194850
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	12890
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	814

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	8037.00	23700.00	113.00
(minutes or issues per week)	min.	min.	issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:  
(publishable words per month)

## BENIN

Cotonou Domestic Service in  
French

3330

Parakou Domestic Service in  
French

0

Cotonou EHUZU in  
French

## BURKINA

Ouagadougou Domestic Service in  
French

8360

Ouagadougou CARREFOUR AFRICAIN in  
FrenchOuagadougou SIDWAYA in  
French

## CAMEROON

Yaounde Domestic Service in  
English

1720

Yaounde Domestic Service in  
French

2660

Yaounde CAMEROON TRIBUNE in  
EnglishYaounde CAMEROON TRIBUNE in  
French

## CAPE VERDE

Praia VOZ DI POVO in  
Portuguese

400

## CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Bangui Domestic Service in  
French

2980

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
CHAD			
Ndjamena Domestic Service in French	8380		
CLANDESTINE			
(Clandestine) Bardai Chadian National Radio in French	0		
CONGO			
Brazzaville Domestic Service in French	210		
Brazzaville BULLETIN QUOTIDIEN in French			
Brazzaville ETUMBA in French			
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EQUATORIAL GUINEA			
Bata Domestic Service in Spanish	230		
Malabo Domestic Service in Spanish	1370		
FRANCE			
Paris AFP in English		6630	
Paris AFP in French		30370	
Paris Diplomatic Infor Service in French		0	
Paris Diplomatic Infor Service in English		0	
Paris JEUNE AFRIQUE in French			2060
GABON			
Libreville Africa No. 1 in French	7560		
*Libreville Africa No.1 in English	0		
Libreville Domestic Service in French	0		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Libreville L'UNION in French			0
GHANA			
Accra International Service in English	680		
Accra Domestic Service in English	22730		
Accra GHANAIAN TIMES in English			0
Accra PEOPLE'S DAILY GRAPHIC in English			0
Accra WEEKLY MIRROR in English			0
Accra WEEKLY SPECTATOR in English			0
GREAT BRITAIN			
London BBC in English	12560		
London WEST AFRICA in English			0
GUINEA			
Conakry Domestic Service in French	7530		
Conakry HOROYA in French			0
GUINEA-BISSAU			
Bissau NO PINTCHA in Portuguese			0
IVORY COAST			
Abidjan Domestic Service in French	6730		
Abidjan Television Service in French	0		
Abidjan Ivoir'soir in French			0
Abidjan FRATERNITE HEBDO in French			0
Abidjan FRATERNITE MATIN in French			1260
Abidjan INFORMATION in French			0

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Abidjan IVOIRE DIMANCHE in  
French

0

LIBERIA  
Monrovia Domestic Service in  
English

330

Monrovia Radio ELWA in  
English

4890

Monrovia NEW LIBERIAN in  
English

0

MALI  
Bamako Domestic Service in  
French

9770

Bamako L'ESSOR in  
French

0

MAURITANIA  
Nouakchott Domestic Service in  
French  
Nouakchott CHAAB in  
French

480

130

NIGER  
Niamey Domestic Service in  
French

6160

Niamey LE SAHEL in  
French

0

Niamey SAHEL HEBDO in  
French

0

NIGERIA  
Lagos International Service in  
English

1690

Lagos Domestic Service in  
English

19760

Kaduna Domestic Service in  
English

250

Lagos NAN in  
English

890

Lagos DAILY TIMES in  
English

0

Lagos THE GUARDIAN in  
English

0

RWANDA  
Kigali Domestic Service in



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BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
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## ● SENEGAL

● Dakar Domestic Service in  
French

8780

● DAKAR PANA in  
english

3730

● Dakar PANA in  
French

3470

● Dakar LE SOLEIL in  
French

0

## ● SIERRA LEONE

● Freetown Domestic Service in  
English

180

● Freetown DAILY MAIL in  
English

0

## ● THE GAMBIA

● Banjul GAMBIA NEWS BULLETIN in  
English

0

## ● TOGO

● Lome International Service in  
French

0

● Lome Domestic Service in  
French

2800

● Lome LA NOUVELLE MARCHE in  
French

0

## ● ZAIRE

● Kinshasa Domestic Service in  
French

2850

● Kinshasa AZAP in  
French

940

● Kinshasa ELIMA in  
French

0